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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on December 3, 2003 be extended for three months, to and including May 3, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$475.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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